

## FRENCH FIRE HALTS INFANTRY ATTACKS

Series of German Assaults on Right Bank of Meuse Checked.

### BATTER AT TWO FORTS

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. London, June 12.—The Verdun battle entered into its sixteenth week today. The day was marked by a series of determined but vain German infantry attacks on the right bank of the Meuse, north of the Thiaumont field work, where the Crown Prince is trying to drive a wedge into the second French line to aid his offensive against the two northwestern bulwarks of Verdun, Fort de Souville and Fort de Tavannes.

The attacks, which had been prepared by a systematic and powerful artillery bombardment, were repeated time after time throughout the day, but, according to tonight's communiqué, all broke down under the certain fire of the defenders, the attackers suffering serious losses.

Both Souville and Tavannes have been under concentrated German heavy gun fire for twenty-four hours, and an infantry assault against either of these two vital points is expected shortly.

On the left bank of the Meuse a sustained bombardment is being directed by the Germans against the region of Chattancourt, on the Avocourt-Sancourt road, which is the immediate objective of the Teutons on that side of the river. A German attack west of Fort Vaux was completely repulsed.

The night communiqué follows: On the right bank of the Meuse, after powerful artillery preparation, the Germans directed throughout the day excessive attacks against our positions north of the field work of Thiaumont. Despite the use of important effective and the violence of the attacks, our barrier fire and our infantry fire repulsed the enemy onrush everywhere, inflicting very serious losses upon the attackers.

The bombardment has been extended to the whole area west and south of Fort Vaux and to our second line in the sectors of Souville and Tavannes. On the left bank of the river an artillery battle raged in the region north of Chattancourt. There was no infantry action, however. The usual cannonade was maintained on the remainder of the front.

The afternoon communiqué follows: West of Soissons our artillery has destroyed two of the enemy's batteries, and brought about an explosion within their lines.

On the left bank of the Meuse there was a bombardment in the region of Chattancourt. On the right bank of the river the artillery fighting was very intense in the sectors north of Souville and Tavannes.

Last night an attack upon our trenches to the west of Vaux was completely repulsed.

There has been no happening of importance on the remainder of the front.

### HOOGE ATTACK GOES ON.

British and German Guns Active—No Infantry Assaults.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. London, June 12.—Cold, rainy weather, which is prevailing on the Anglo-German front in Belgium and northern France, has put a temporary stop to the infantry fighting that marked the last week.

There were no infantry charges during the last twenty-four hours, both sides contenting themselves with mining activity and artillery bombardment, which latter was especially heavy between Ypres and the village of Hooze, near Ypres. The fighting was more in violence during the afternoon.

The following statement was issued by the British Army Headquarters to-night: There were no infantry actions during the past twenty-four hours. Operations were confined to artillery and mining work. The most noticeable occurrence was the heavy mutual bombardment on the front between Hill 60 and Hooze in the afternoon.

South of Loos and at La Boisselle we carried out an effective bombardment of hostile works with our heavy artillery. Mining was especially active near Neuville-St. Vaast and the Loos salient. The weather is cold and rainy.

### RAID FRENCH TRENCHES.

German Take 100 Prisoners in Attack in Champagne.

BRUSSELS, via London, June 12.—"Artillery activity" is the only reference to German fighting in this afternoon's communiqué of the German War Office, which adds that on both banks of the Meuse the situation is unchanged.

A minor success is reported in Champagne, north of Perthes, where German counter-attacking forces made a raid on French positions, penetrating them and taking three officers and more than 100 men prisoners. The statement follows: Champagne, north of Perthes, German reconnoitering detachments penetrated French positions, and after a short fight took three officers and more than 100 men prisoners, captured four machine guns and returned to their own trenches in accordance with our plans.

On both sides of the Meuse the artillery was very active. The situation is unchanged.

### SOCIALIST DEAL REPORTED.

Born Hears of Pact With Kaiser for Support in War.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. BRUSSELS, via Paris, June 12.—The International Socialist Committee has received a report from the German Socialists indicating that notwithstanding the privations, misery and consequent depression, discontent and eagerness for peace among the workers, there is much probability of aggressive revolutionary action on their part.

It is reported that the Socialist members of the Reichstag have already made a deal with the Kaiser, who promised central reform as a reward for Socialist support in the war.

### CASEMENT LAWYER ARRIVES.

American Counsel Reaches London to Defend Sir Roger.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 12.—Within half an hour of his arrival in London today, William P. Doyle, the Philadelphia lawyer retained by Sir Roger Casement, hastened to look after Casement's interests, conferred with Sir Roger's lawyers, and set on his feet in the Tower tomorrow.

Mr. Doyle said that he was deeply distressed by the Government's course in allowing him to assist Casement, particularly as he understands that this is the first state trial in Great Britain in which a foreigner has been allowed to participate.

## GERMANS LEND THEIR AID TO STEM RUSSIAN TIDE

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quished itself by sustained cuts of fire with which it met all the enemy's attacks, after which our troops made a fresh advance.

In the region of Bobulintze, to the north of Buczacz, the Austrians, assisted by German forces brought to this region, desperately opposed us with a series of counter attacks, to which our troops replied by further attacks, but were forced to give ground a little at this point. The fighting continues with ever increasing desperation.

In the region south of the Dniester our troops were yesterday already near the Zaleszczyki bridgehead, fighting for the suburbs of Czernowitz, where heavy fighting was observed. The enemy blew up a bridge near the village of Mahala, east of Czernowitz. The total number of prisoners made by Gen. Lechitzky is 21,000, all belonging to Hungarian infantry and cavalry.

On the right wing of the Tiza fortress the Germans opened an offensive north of the Tizul marsh and were repulsed, after which our troops made a fresh advance.

On the whole front of the Jacobstadt positions on the morning of the 11th the Germans opened a sudden violent artillery and rifle fire. Enemy columns then began to advance at some places, but everywhere were driven back by their trenches by our fire.

On the night of the 11th strong German forces, after artillery preparation, took the offensive south of Drisvitz, but in the face of our concentrated fire were obliged to retire.

On the night of the 11th the enemy on the night of the 11th opened a violent artillery fire and then took the offensive with considerable force. South of the village of Kotschany wily detachments succeeded in penetrating the wood west of Kotschany, but under our artillery fire and a hail of hand grenades were compelled to evacuate the greater part of the wood.

On the banks of the Jaslova River we repulsed an enemy offensive.

The German War Office statement follows: German and Austro-Hungarian troops belonging to the army of Gen. Bothmer repulsed Russian detachments which were advancing northeast of Buczacz, on the Strypa. More than 1,300 Russians remained in our hands.

### BOSELLI SELECTED AS ITALY'S NEW PREMIER

Former Finance Minister Will Choose Cabinet at King's Request.

ROME, June 12.—King Victor Emmanuel has selected Paolo Boselli, former Minister of Finance, as Italy's new Premier.

The new Premier, who will set about forming his Cabinet immediately at the request of the King, has been a strong figure in Italian politics for the last twenty-five years. He has been in turn Minister of Agriculture, Finance and Public Instruction. It is thought that his influence will aid materially in the formation of a Cabinet composed of the strongest and ablest men in Italy.

It is probable that Baron Sonnino and the military members of the Salandra Cabinet will be retained in the new Government.

The King has also had conferences with former Premier Salandra, with Baron Sonnino, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who it is thought will certainly be a member of the new Cabinet; with the President of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies and with other political leaders, among them Signors Luzzatti and Giolitti, former Premiers.

Signor Orlando, the retiring Minister of Justice, may be a member of the new Cabinet, and possibly Marconi, the inventor, may be made a sub-Minister of a special technical department to cope with war problems.

When the resignation of the Salandra Cabinet was officially announced in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, the King's Chamber of Deputies, a leader of a section of the Socialists, he charged that the Government was responsible for the anti-Italian crisis in Milan and other cities when Italy entered the war.

Premier Salandra vigorously protested against the accusation, and most of the members of the Chamber supported him.

Both houses adjourned soon after the announcement of the resignation of the Cabinet.

### TRIBUTE TO KITCHENER.

Services to Be Held in Trinity Church Tomorrow.

In memory of Lord Kitchener the St. George's Society of New York has invited all British societies of the city to attend a memorial service in Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall street, at noon tomorrow. The clergy of Trinity Church will be in charge and the full choir will render a special programme. Among the musical selections will be Chopin's "March" and the "Dead March" from "Saul."

Organizations cooperating with St. George's Society include the Pilgrims, Canadian Society, St. Andrew's Society, St. David's Society and British Schools and Universities Club.

A general invitation is extended to all those interested. L. B. Stoddard, chairman of the executive committee of St. George's Society, is in charge of arrangements.

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## BRITISH SQUADRON REPORTED IN BALTIC

Dreadnoughts and Battle Cruisers Said to Mount Guns Superior to German.

### NOW AT BASE IN RUSSIA

CHICAGO, June 12.—The Daily News has received the following from its correspondent in Petrograd:

"I am obliged to give the following with reserve, since conditions prevent confirmation of the reports: 'The German admissions of loss after loss of ships in the recent naval battle in the Skagerrak do not convey the real quality of the British victory.'

"The nature of the warfare on the northern Russian front implies roughly that whose rules the Russians win. Since the ice melted in the spring mysterious ice have appeared that certainly was contemplating action of a certain kind. Apparently concealing an invasion of Finland, this possibility was fully provided for in the Russian arrangements, but the Baltic problem remained doubtful.

"I am too far from the scene of battle to put any particular construction on either the German or British objective in that historic collision, but the British victory is rendered more than plain by the fact that the Baltic sea is the latest dreadnoughts and battle cruisers made its way through the channel between Denmark and Sweden and reached the Russian coast, where the warships are now at anchor.

"This has now made it possible to news of the movement, as the passage of the German fleet was reported in the face of attacks by a German destroyer flotilla. The Germans are fully aware of the fact that British warships are overwhelming strength and mounting guns without an equal in the whole German navy are now commanding the naval situation in the Baltic and tightening the strange hold blockade of the German Empire's throat.

"The German assertion that the Warship and Princess Royal were sunk in the Skagerrak is answered by the fact that both the great war machines are now in the Baltic, besides a formidable squadron of others."

The Warships mentioned in the above despatch as being in the Baltic, arrived in her home port shortly after the Skagerrak battle, according to an official British statement. The commander was received by King George and several correspondents were allowed to interview the commander regarding the battle.

### JELICOE LAUDS FLEET.

"German Losses Certainly Not Less Than Our Own."

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 12.—Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the British Grand fleet, today sent the following message to the fleet:

"I desire to express to the flag officers, captains, officers and men of the grand fleet my very highest appreciation for the manner in which the ships were fought in the action of the 31st of May. At this stage when full information is not available, it is impossible to enter into details, but quite sufficient already is known to enable me to state definitely that the glorious traditions handed to us by generations of gallant seamen were most worthily upheld.

"Weather conditions were highly unfavorable. Nature pelted the fleet with that complete victory which I know was expected by all ranks. Our losses were heavy. We miss many most gallant comrades. But although it is very difficult to obtain accurate information regarding the enemy's losses, I do not doubt that we will find they were certainly not less than our own. Sufficient information already has been received for me to make that statement with confidence.

"I hope to be able to give the fleet fuller information upon this point at an early date, but I do not wish to delay in issue this expression of my keen appreciation of the work of the fleet and my confidence in future complete victory. I cannot close without a few words of the wonderful spirit and fortitude of the wounded filled me with the greatest admiration.

"I am more proud than ever of the honor of commanding a fleet manned by such officers and men."

JELICOE.

### HOW FRAUENLOB SANK.

Twice Seriously Damaged by Explosives and Then Torpedoed.

BRUSSELS, via London, June 12.—Superiority of marksmanship of the German fleet over the British is described by officers of the German cruiser Eilbong and Frauenlob in the *Frankfurter Zeitung* as the reason for the German victory in the recent North Sea battle.

Officers of the Eilbong and Frauenlob, though the vessel was exposed to the fire of the British dreadnoughts for a long time she was not hit once. For eighteen hours the German cruiser was actively engaged in the fight, but she lost only eight men.

The experience of the Frauenlob was more serious. She was hit twice in the night fighting, and was exposed to a torpedo which burst in the engine room. The Frauenlob went to the bottom seven minutes later. Life rafts were scarce, as many had been blown away by the British shells. On one of the rafts eight survivors clung for ten hours with waves dashing over them all the time.

A denial that the German fleet attempted to escape was made by the German officers. They pointed out that the British vessels were as speedy as if not speedier than the German craft, and could easily have followed if they had tried to escape. The German fleet naturally tried to work gradually near to its base, they said, but the fleet did not try to avoid a fight.

### MINE SINKS SWEDISH SHIP.

Five of the Enemy's Crew Reported to Have Been Lost.

LONDON, June 12.—The Swedish steamship Emmy, of 498 tons, has been sunk by a mine off Falsterbo, according to a dispatch from Malmö. One of the crew was killed by the explosion and four others were drowned. It is said.

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### BRITAIN TO BUY SALOONS.

Will Close About 300 at Carlisle—May Extend Movement.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 12.—The Daily Chronicle says the Government proposes to buy all breweries and saloons in the neighborhood of Carlisle and to close about 300 saloons while some others will be adapted for the sale of food and non-intoxicant drinks.

The newspaper adds this step may be repeated in other parts of the country.

### AMERICAN SHIP REFLOATED.

The City of Savannah, Aground on East Africa Coast, Has Been Saved.

LONDON, June 12.—A despatch from Lourenco, Marquesa, Portuguese East Africa, states that the American steamship City of Savannah, of 4,378 tons, which has been aground after being damaged by fire, has been refloated. Her cargo, which is almost entirely spoiled, is being discharged.

The vessel was bound from Calcutta for New York and Boston.

## ITALIANS ADVANCE AT SEVERAL POINTS

Austrian Forces Withdrawn to Aid the Resistance Against Russia.

### GAIN IN SUGANA VALLEY

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 12.—Further evidence of a withdrawal of important Austrian units from the Trentino front to the Russian theatre of war is contained in tonight's official Italian statement, which reports a continuance of the Italian infantry advance in several important sectors of the front. The statement follows:

In the Camonica Valley and at Giudicaria there were artillery duels and small infantry engagements.

In the Lagarina Valley the enemy artillery intensely bombarded our Continenza positions.

Yesterday in the Arco Valley, in the Fassino sector, on the Posina and on the Astico line, our infantry advance continued despite violent artillery fire and a snowstorm.

Two enemy counter attacks toward Fort Alti and Camisigallone were repulsed with very heavy losses.

In the plateau of the Seven Communities, southwest of Asiago, our advanced detachments, after passing the Casaglia Valley progressed toward the southeastern slopes of Monte Cengio, Monte Barco and Monte Businello.

Further particulars enhance the importance of our success on June 10 on Monte Lemerle. The gallant infantry of the Forti Brigade and of the Forti and Forti-Forti regiments, regiments which withstood the assaults of the dense enemy masses which had

reached the ridge of one of the positions. Our troops subsequently counter attacked, dispersed and pursued the enemy at the point of the bayonet.

In the Sugana Valley we progressed toward the Maso torrent, repulsing two enemy counter attacks near Suerelle.

Along the remainder of the front there were artillery duels and small infantry engagements, throwing activity by small detachments.

Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Vicenza, hitting the military hospital and causing slight damage. Friend Vepic and Meatre, causing slight damage.

### ORPET'S CASE IS HELPED.

Girl Witness Changes Her Murder Story on the Stand.

WATERGATE, Ill., June 12.—Josephine Davis, who was expected to be the star witness for the State in the Orpet murder trial, proved today when she took the stand to be the star witness for the defense.

Miss Davis was Marion Lambert's closest friend. To her Marion confided all the secrets of her relations with Will Orpet, who is charged with the murder. It had been believed that Miss Davis's testimony would be almost enough in itself to send the University of Wisconsin undergraduate to prison on the gallows.

Her unexpected change of front caused the crowded court room to gasp and to doubt whether it heard the girl's testimony correctly. Whether it took the lawyers for the State completely by surprise is to be doubted. David R. Joslyn of the prosecution intimated that she had been influenced by the defense to change her story.

For weeks after the Helen Woods' tragedy Miss Davis was kept hidden from prying interviewers as an inmate of the home of Chief of Police Walter McGuire of Lake Forest, Prosecutor Brady's trusted lieutenant.

The State had expected to prove by Miss Davis's testimony that Miss Lambert had been happy and cheerful up to the morning of her death, and that there was no motive for suicide. When the witness appeared on the stand today she gave testimony to the contrary.

A report that Doyle was about to descend on Lake Island with fifty men on a barge caused three police boats to be sent to the place. Before midnight seventy uniformed policemen were patrolling the island, besides about a private detective, and more were being sent from precincts in Manhattan and Staten Island. It was said, however, that Doyle would make no raid until Justice Cropper made his decision on the injunction against the police on the island.

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## GRAND JURY DELVES INTO GARBAGE WAR

No Indictments Yet, but Doyle, Who Says His Wire Was Tapped, Testifies.

### 70 POLICE TO STOP RAID

The Richmond county Grand Jury reconvened yesterday, pondered over the charges of wire tapping made in connection with the turmoil on Staten Island and the garbage question itself generally, and adjourned until to-day without handing down indictments.

Among the witnesses were Deputy Police Commissioner Godley, representing Commissioner Woods, who was subpoenaed, but sent his regrets, as he was on his honeymoon; Inspector Cornelius Cabalane, assigned to Staten Island; Sgt. William Young, in charge of the telegraph bureau; Edward C. Bridgman, president of the Staten Island Savings Bank; William Wirt Mills, president of the Staten Island Secession League; Edward P. Doyle, a real estate operator; William K. Welsh, president of the Richmond County Gas Company; Robert C. Cone, secretary of the Staten Island Civic League, and Dr. Louis A. Dreyfus, member of the Vigilance Committee.

Doyle, whose forces captured Pralls and Meadow Islands, was before the Grand Jury for two hours. He has maintained that while talking to Dr. Dreyfus on the telephone his wire has been "hooked up" to Police Headquarters. Dr. Dreyfus has made statements substantiating this, and Mr. Welsh has made similar charge.

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